MICHIGAN'S TAX RATE

Board of Assessors Will Have to Reconvene and Again Compute It.

DECISION BY SUPREME COURT

Legislature Accomplished Little Business Last Week-Several of the Committees Were Absent.

Lansing, Mich., May 5 .- As the result of an opinion handed down by the supreme court late last week, the state board of assessors will have to reconvene and again compute the average tax rate of the state. Another important result of the court's decision will be that the railroad companies operating in Michigan will be obliged to pay \$73,000 more in taxes. this year than previously levied by the state assessors, providing always, of course, that the litigation in which the companies attack the validity of the ad valorem assessment of their property is decided in favor of the state. The state board of assessors, the membership of which is identical with that of the state tax commission, erroneously assumed that in arriving at the average rate of the state which the law says the railroad companies shall pay, it was vested with judicial powers. What the board did was to take the total of assessments of all property of the state other than railroad property, as made by the local assessors throughout the state and then increase it by about \$300,000,000.

Duty Purely Ministerial.

This increase was based on the confailed to obey the law which requires them to assess property at its full value. The supreme court holds that the duty of the state board of assessors in this connection is purely ministerial-that it is bound to take the assessments as returned to it, the presumption being that the local assessors have not failed to do their duty and have assessed at full value. The board, under the order of the supreme court, granted the mandamus asked for by the Detroit board of education, will be obliged to lop off the additional assessment or value it placed upon the property of the state, other than railroad property. This, of course, will increase the average rate and call for increased taxes from the railroad companies. The interest of the Detroit board of education in the matter lay in the fact that the taxes paid by these companies goes into the primary school interest fund and an increased rate means an increased revenue for the schools of the state.

To tell the truth the legislature did not accomplish a great deal last week, The fact that several committees were absent during much of the week accounts for the fact that nothing was done with the more important measures, such as the primary election bill, etc. Matters are expected to move in this direction during the present week,

Advanced to Governor's Desk.

Two of the more than o dinary important bills were advanced to the governor's desk. These were the Bangham meat and slaughter house inspection bill and the Morlarity bill providing for releasing certain convicts on probation. The former measure was rescued as a brand from the burning, as it were, after having gone down to defeat in the house. The credit for this rescue is freely given to Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane of Kalamazoo, who has been one of the principal champions of the measure from the beginning. As finally passed by the house the bill exempts stock which farmers raise for the market and slaughter on their own premises, and leaves it optional with cities and villages to appoint inspectors of meat markets and slaughter houses and exact a license fee from butchers. Mrs. Crane promises to keep up the agitation in favor of better conditions until a revolution has been accomplished in this line. She engaged in the work as chairman of a committee appointed by the state federation of woman's clubs and has been very energetic in her endeavors to bring about a better condition of affairs.

Worthy of Special Attention.

The Morisrity bill is a marked departure from existing laws governing the handling of convicts and is, therefore, worthy of special attention. It confers upon trial judges the power to release convicts on probation, provided such convicts have never been convicted of a crime or misdemeanor. Such release can be made after a plea or verdict of guilty in any case as to the extent of the punishment to be inflicted, where it appears to the satisfaction of the judge that the convict is not likely to again engage in criminal practice and that the public welfare will be as fully subserved as it would be if sentence were to be inflicted. The operation of the law is as follows: "Before passing sentence the court before whom conviction was had may place the convict in the custody of a probationary officer under such conditions as the court may see fit to impose. At any time during the probationary term the court may, in its discretion, revoke and terminate such probation and immediately pronounce sentence. It is expressly provided that the benefits of this act shall _____

not extend to "any person now engaged in serving sentence in any penal, reformatory or industrial institution of this state, and shall not apply in any case after commitment."

Two Measures Defeated.

Two measures of more or less importance were among these that went down to their graves last week. One was the grain inspection bill which had the backing of the mill men of the state. The bill had been repo ted out by the state affairs committee and placed on the special order, but when it was reached in committee of the whole, the chairman of the state offairs committee stated that it had been reported out by mistake and on his motion it was referred back to the committee. The general understanding is that it will never again see daylight. The Detroit board of trade was the strongest opponent of this

The joint resolution introduced by Representative Wade providing for the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment under which the legislature could grant aid in the construction and betterment of the highways of the state was also defeated in the house, only 36 votes being mustered in its favor in committee of the whole. This measure had the support of the State Good Roads association. but it went down before the onshughts of its enemies who fortified themselves with the opinions of the late Chief Justice Cooley as to the unsatisfactory results of such a provision of the constitution. Between 1830 and 1850 the constitution of Michigan embodied such a provision, but Justice Cooley in his work on constitutional law gave as a reason for its elimination from the present constitution the fact that it worked unsatisfactorily to the people. For a number of months the good roads agitators of is one of the reasons he is able to the state have worked zealously in behalf of this resolution, even bringing speakers here from other states to address the legislature in support of the measure, and its defeat is a sore disappointment to them inasmuch as they are convinced that no great improveviction that the local assessors had ment can be made in Michigan unless state aid is granted.

Clamoring for Recognition.

Ever since the session commenced the osteopaths of the state have been clamoring for recognition in the bills amending the medical registration law. They desired a representation on the board of examiners. This was denied them, but the senate has passed the Morlarity bill creating a separate board for the examination and registration of this school of practitioners. The bill provides that the governor twice in the hospital from a severe case shall appoint a board of five members and that all applicants for licenses and registration must be graduates of some tion and cured him. It conquers aches school of osteopathy having a course and kills pain. 25c. at Longwell Bros., of at least three years of nine months | druggists. each and must pass the same examination as is required of regular physicians or members of the other schools, except in materia medica and therapantics. Before matriculating at the higher institution all students must have at least a high school education, The scope of the bill is not broad enough to include masseurs or others who practice massage, Swedish movements, etc. It is believed that this will be satisfactory to all concerned.

Two new state institutions are likely to be created before the legislature adjourns. At least bills providing for these institutions have passed the senate and have successfully run the guantlet of the house ways and means committee which has recommended their passage. One of these bills established a working home for the adult blind of the state, and the other provides for an additional normal school in the western part of the state.

Amount is Reduced.

As it passed the senate the former bill carried an appropriation of \$137,-000, but this amount has been reduced by the house committee to \$110,000. The normal school bill calls for the expenditure of \$40,000. Both will meet with opposition on the floor and it is possible that they may fail to pass, but their present prospect is bright.

Bills to reduce the salary of the state game and fish warden from \$2,-000 to \$1,200 per annum and to abolish the office of chief deputy warden altogether came within an ace of passing the house a few days since. The vote by which the latter failed to pass was subsequently reconsidered and a determined effort will be made to muster enough votes to put it through when it is again reached. Friends of the bill claim that these votes will surely be forthcoming, while enemies of the deputy warden in the senate as strenuously aver that it will pass the upper house if it ever gets there. There will probably be no attempt made to revive the bill reducing the warden's salary. JAMES V. BARRY.

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The reason he holds few stocks of any kind is not hard to find. It lies \$60 in currency. They then stole a in the fact that he is one of the very horse from a farmer's stable, but abanfew financiers in Wall street who does doned it later, not believe in the extension of consolidation of industries. He believes that to become a member of the Morgan ment. syndicate. He gave as his reason his belief that the pace was too fast and that some one would be hurt.

he sold it was that he thought it was each box. 25c. too high. He bought his stock at 8, so he frankly confessed that he didn't see any better thing to do with It at 118 than to sell it. So he sold. That lend out huge sums of money. He sells at boom times the stocks he buys in receiverships

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Two More Negro Lynchings,

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